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ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
TOWN OFFICERS  
OF  
NORWICH,  
FOR THE  
YEAR ENDING FEB. 18, 1884.

HANOVER, N. H.  
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1884.



# NORWICH TOWN HISTORY.

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## PROSPECTUS.

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The undersigned, by direction of the selectmen, has in preparation an HISTORICAL SKETCH OF THE TOWN OF NORWICH from the time of first settlement, to be published in Miss Hemenway's Historical Gazetteer of Vermont. It is expected that the sixth and final volume of the Gazetteer, to contain the 24 towns of Windsor County, will appear in the latter part of 1884. As has been the case with preceeding county volumes, the towns of Windsor County will doubtless have an opportunity—while the county volume is being printed—of bringing out each its own history in a separate volume, detached from the others', for the accommodation of those who do not wish to buy the large county volume.

A desire has been expressed to me that the History of Norwich be thus separately published. If there should be a general demand for that, I will try to bring it about, either in separate form, or in connection with Hartford history. Of the 1200 large octavo pages the county volume will contain, 75 have been assigned to Norwich. In the space thus allowed, it is proposed to give a concise and general account of the affairs of the town during the six score years that have elapsed since the settlement, noticing the most important events that have occurred, and the most remarkable persons who have lived here within that period of time.

In his inquiries thus far made, the writer has been surprised by the wealth of materials for history disclosed in the past of Norwich. As the German explorer, Dr. Schliemann, discovered six buried cities lying beneath the ruins of classic Troy, so it is possible that back of the Norwich which we know there once existed another Norwich larger than ours, if not more fair to see—in fact that there was a time when "*Norwich wore the Bell.*"

Soberly, however, it is true that in the civil, political, religious and educational history of the town—in the annals of its Schools, Churches, Political Parties and of its University; and especially in the biography of the eminent men of an earlier generation, of Abel Curtis, Peter Olcott, Paul Brigham, Daniel and D. A. A. Buck, Alden Partridge, Aaron Loveland, Reuben Hatch, Truman B. Ransom and his distinguished son, T. E. G. Ransom, and a score of others, there is much that is memorable and worthy of record. In the work proposed, it will be my aim to rescue some of these facts from threatened oblivion.

Several portraits of leading men of the past and views of ancient buildings are promised. I will only add that I have no pecuniary interest in the sale of the book.

MERRITT E. GODDARD.

Norwich, Vt., March 1, 1884.

## Selectmen's Report.

The Selectmen have drawn orders on the Treasurer the current year ending February 18, 1884, as follows :

### ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Wallace, M. L., labor on highway in 1882,		\$12 00
Manchester, W. S.,	do do	1 00
Bicknell, A. C.,	do do	7 00
Sargent, W. T.,	do do	4 22
Manchester, Dennis,	do do	2 27
Gilman, F. H.,	do do	31 30
Wood, R.,	do do	17 91
Bragg, David,	do do	4 34
Eastman, M. V. B.,	do do	12 90
McNorton, William,	do do	2 50
Johnson, Edson,	do do	13 68
Rowell, H.,	do do	3 76
Burnham, H. A.,	do do	4 39
Martin, G. G.,	do do	4 93
Spear, F. E.,	do do	10 00
Wallace, M. L.,	do do	16 90
Richardson, F. L.,	do do	34 60
Smith, Charles,	do do	5 00
Loveland, Ed. G.,	do do	8 25
Finney, E. N.,	do do	3 00
Sproat, J. S.,	do do	5 30
Hatch, A. R.,	do do	5 17
West, Caleb,	do do	4 00
Loveland, David,	do do	4 47
Boothe, W. L., lumber	do	6 55
		<hr/> \$225 43

### *Orders drawn for Highways in 1883.*

Armstrong, J. W., lumber, \$20.00, \$55.84,	\$75 84
Spear, F. E., lumber,	3 00
Slack, R. A., lumber and stone,	10 00
Slack, G. M., lumber,	2 37
Smith, Charles, labor on highway,	3 58
Patterson, L. S., lumber,	6 58
Sargent, Bartlett, labor on highway,	5 25
	<hr/> \$106 62
	<hr/> \$332 06

The following highway taxes have been paid to the Selectmen, and expended by them as the following account will show:

Received of S. S. Boothe, surveyor,	\$1 29	
C. Stimson, surveyor,	13 47	
E. and F. Lord, highway tax,	4 57	
J. W. Loveland, do	2 10	
Baldwin, Ellen F., do	1 41	
Cushman, T., do	2 00	
Messenger and Hazen, do	23 86	
Messenger, Geo., do	3 58	
Nichols, N. R., do	1 80	
Nichols, F. M., do	73	
Ray, Lester, do	1 92	
Wadleigh, Eliza, do	2 05	
Clark, E. N., do	14 05	
Kellogg, S. J., do	15 04	
	<hr/>	\$87 87
Paid to Coit, Zebina, for lumber,	\$2 51	
Wallace, M.,	10 00	
Armstrong, J. W.,	14 00	
Boothe, W. L., lumber,	12 25	
Clifford, Benj., lumber,	4 00	
Hilton, Joseph,	2 07	
Gilman, J.,	35	
Benson, L.,	1 75	
Money used in District No. 23,	5 00	
Money used in District No. 9,	3 50	
Money used in Districts Nos. 1, 7 and 11,	10 00	
Clark, E. N., highway work,	75	
Patterson, L. S., lumber,	21 69	
	<hr/>	\$87 87

#### MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Order to S. P. Burnham, use of hall town meeting, 1883,	\$10 00
A. B. Nye, painting hearse,	12 00
P. H. Whitcomb, printing town reports, 1883,	14 00
S. P. Burnham, use of hall for Miner suit,	3 00
School fund interest on U. S. deposit,	178 00
E. N. Clark, error on list, 1883,	92
Reuben Davis, services as lister in 1883,	12 00
Treasurer's abatements, list of 1883,	1 60
A. V. Turner, services as selectman,	27 50
Geo. Messenger, do do	11 35
For district clerks, for year ending March, 1884,	8 85
Treasurer's salary, fees for collecting taxes and money paid out for year ending March, 1884,	40 28
W. E. Lewis, services as town clerk and bills paid for year ending March, 1884,	19 75



## INVOICE OF PROPERTY AT TOWN FARM, FEB. 19, 1884.

*Live Stock.*

1 yoke oxen,	\$155 00
3 cows,	95 00
2 yearlings,	30 00
1 mare,	100 00
62 sheep,	240 00
5 shotes,	50 00
16 hens,	7 50
	<hr/> \$677 50

*Provisions and Produce.*

17 tons of hay,	\$170 00
Corn fodder and straw,	12 00
100 bushels of corn,	80 00
100 bushels of oats,	50 00
10 bushels of rye,	9 00
3 bushels of beans,	9 00
Seed corn,	3 00
200 bushels of potatoes,	40 00
125 lbs. salt pork,	15 62
15¾ lbs. ham,	1 96
150 lbs. corned beef,	12 00
25½ lbs. dried beef,	4 25
21 lbs. candles,	2 10
3½ lbs. sage,	87
22 lbs. lard,	2 75
2 lbs. tobacco,	50
60 lbs. corn meal,	1 20
21 lbs. butter,	4 83
3 gallons vinegar,	45
45 gallons soft soap,	9 00
40½ lbs. fresh meat,	3 24
100 lbs. provender,	1 50
¾ bbl. flour,	5 25
Groceries,	75
20 bushels butternuts,	5 00
31 cords wood, 16-inch,	108 50
1601 feet of lumber,	16 01
	<hr/> \$568 78

## RECAPITULATION.

Live stock,	\$677 50
Provisions and produce,	568 78
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Amount of invoice,	\$1246 28

There are, at present, five paupers at the town farm, all infirm and aged men.

## Treasurer's Account.

WILLIAM E. LEWIS,			DR.
March, 1883,	Cash on hand at settlement,		\$10 15
April,	do of Justice Hatch, fine State vs. Rix,		5 00
April,	do Wm. H. Slack, town tax, 1882,		75
Aug.,	do State Treasurer, tax on Savings Banks,		9 22
Aug.,	do on town tax, 1883,		40 00
Sept.,	do of collector for taxes against delinquent taxpayers on state tax, 1882,		24 06
Sept. 8,	do on town tax, 1883,		325 00
Oct. 2,	do on town tax, 1883,		1043 17
Jan'y, 1884,	for balance of tax on dogs, 1883,		62 25
Jan'y,	do of collector for taxes against delinquent taxpayers on town tax, 1883,		19 79
Jan'y,	do of Windsor County Ins. Co., repaid,		1 46
Jan'y,	do of collector, for warrants against delinquents, state and state school tax, 1882, and town, 1883,		1 80
			\$1542 65

WILLIAM E. LEWIS,			CR.
Paid orders to			
Martin L. Wallace,	\$12 00	Caleb West,	\$4 00
W. L. Booth,	6 55	Vt. Mutual Ins. Company,	5 85
W. S. Manchester,	1 00	W. T. Sargent,	4 22
Windsor Co. Ins. Company,	18 45	Ransom A. Slack,	10 00
Jas. S. Sproat,	5 30	D. E. Manchester,	2 27
Wm. McNorton,	2 50	Reuben Davis,	12 00
Herbert Rowell,	3 76	Chas. H. Smith,	3 58
David H. Bragg,	4 34	School Fund,	178 00
D. A. Loveland,	4 47	Town Treasurer,	1 60
Chas. H. Smith,	5 00	E. N. Clark,	92
Gilman G. Martin,	4 93	W. E. Lewis,	40 28
H. A. Burnham,	4 39	N. A. Messenger,	3 00
Geo. E. Loveland,	8 24	Bartlett Sargent,	5 25
E. N. Finney,	3 00	Bartlett Sargent,	5 00
F. L. Richardson,	35 20	Bartlett Sargent,	24 70
S. P. Burnham,	3 00	W. E. Lewis,	19 95
A. C. Bicknell,	7 00	Chas. Loveland,	27 50
Vt. Mutual Ins. Company,	3 42	A. B. Nye,	25 85
F. E. Spear,	3 00	S. A. Armstrong,	21 40
A. A. Doty,	414 80	Chas. E. Ensworth,	5 00
G. M. Slack,	2 37	S. S. Booth,	2 00
S. P. Burnham,	10 30	J. S. Sproat,	21 60
P. H. Whitcomb,	14 35	Geo. Messenger,	11 35
Albert B. Nye,	12 24	L. S. Patterson,	6 58

Edson E. Johnson,	13 95	A. P. Hunton,	10 00
Frank E. Spear,	10 00	Samuel E. Pingree,	79 57
Martin L. Wallace,	17 14	A. V. Turner,	15 82
M. V. B. Eastman,	13 16	A. V. Turner,	24 00
Rodolphus Wood,	18 31	A. V. Turner,	27 50
John W. Armstrong,	56 84	H. Van Cor,	41 00
Frank H. Gilman,	31 99	F. G. Wheatley,	1 00
A. R. Hatch,	5 17	School District Clerks,	8 85
J. W. Armstrong,	20 40		
Amount paid out by Treasurer,			\$1426 21
Amount received by Treasurer,			1542 65
Balance in treasury, Feb. 18, 1884,			\$116 44

### TAX AND LOSSES FROM DOGS, 1883.

January, 1884. Paid A. V. Turner,	\$4 25	} <i>Selectmen for services.</i>
do George Messenger,	1 00	
	----- \$5 25	
Paid W. T. Sargent,	5 00	
Hiel Bradley,	4 50	
Samuel B. Phelps,	5 00	
David Hall,	2 00	
Edson Johnson,	2 00	
C. D. Hazen,	2 00	
Paschal Slack,	2 00	
Jason H. Simonds,	1 50	
into town treasury,	62 25	
	-----	\$91 50
February, 1884, by cash of William E. Lewis, town clerk, for license, tax and registering 85 dogs,		\$91 50

## Town Finances.

The financial exhibit is favorable. The remnant of the old war debt, (\$400), reported one year ago, has since been paid, and that long-standing item this year finally disappears from the town report.

The selectmen and overseer of the poor state that no unsettled bills, against the town, of any magnitude, exist in their respective departments. And the auditors are not aware of any other valid claims outstanding against the town other than a few bills for highway expenses already accrued but not yet presented for settlement, and the auditors' bills and expense of printing this report, estimated at \$25.00.

The cash balance in the treasury is \$116.44, and the overseer of the poor reports \$43.66, due the town, in his hands. The selectmen also report \$30.00 due from the town of Strafford for damage to highways.

The current expenses of the town, for the past year, may be summarized as follows:

Selectmen's orders for highways,	\$332 06
Selectmen's orders for miscellaneous purposes,	663 70
Cost of poor department, (net),	40 87
	<hr/> \$1036 63
Add for war debt, (extinguished),	414 80
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Expenses for the year,	\$1451 43

A town tax of 20 cents on the present Grand List of town will raise about \$1500.00.

CHAS. W. ENRIGHT,	} <i>Auditors.</i>
GEO. F. ROGERS,	
M. E. GODDARD,	

## Town Officers' Bills.

### SELECTMEN'S ACCOUNTS.

TOWN OF NORWICH TO A. V. TURNER, DR.

1883. For services as selectman.	
To lease land notice,	\$0 50
Dividing school money and looking up registers,	1 00
Examining washout near grist mill,	50
On highway books,	1 00
To settling with surveyors,	1 00
Making and distributing highway bills,	6 00
Making out town tax,	4 00
1 day on highways,	1 00
Making out state school tax,	2 00
On bridges and highways,	75
Abating taxes,	1 00
Settling with auditors and on accounts,	2 00
Time spent on L. Johnson case,	3 00
	<hr/> \$23 75

*Cash paid out.*

Highway books,	\$2 00
Stationery and postage,	1 75
	<hr/> \$3 75
	<hr/> \$27 50

TOWN OF NORWICH TO GEO. MESSENGER, DR.

1883. For services as selectman.	
To services,	\$11 35

TOWN OF NORWICH TO E. M. LEWIS, DR.

1883. For services as selectman.	
To services,	\$1 00

## LISTERS' ACCOUNTS.

## TOWN OF NORWICH TO BARTLETT SARGENT, DR.

1883.	To 10 days listing,	\$10 00	
	1 day listers' meeting,	1 00	
	1 day filing inventory,	1 00	
	1 day making and leaving notice,	1 00	
	3 days on abstract,	3 00	
	1 day hearing appeals,	1 00	
	Making out list,	5 50	
	Making out dog list,	1 00	
	Stationery and postage,	45	
	Cash paid for abstract book,	75	
		<u>75</u>	\$24 70

## TOWN OF NORWICH TO J. S. SPROAT, DR.

1883.	To 14 days listing,	\$14 00	
	2 days on inventories,	2 00	
	3 days making abstracts,	3 00	
	1 day hearing appeals,	1 00	
	1 day writing and serving notice,	1 00	
	Stationery and postage,	40	
	Book,	20	
		<u>20</u>	\$21 60

## TOWN OF NORWICH TO REUBEN DAVIS, DR.

1883.	To 7 days listing,	\$7 00	
	5 days meetings of listers,	5 00	
		<u>5 00</u>	\$12 00

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**Town Statistics.**

School Lands in Norwich, with occupants' names and amount of rent due from each occupant, which is due and to be paid to Town Treasurer on the first day of March, annually.

Names.	Rent.	Names.	Rent.
Paul W. Brigham,	\$14 80	Gideon Lord,	\$5 00
J. R. Cleveland,	3 30	Frederick Martin,	5 20
W. C. French,	4 00	J. T. Morrison,	10 00
H. B. Goodrich,	6 40	S. P. Newton,	1 67
Geo. H. Hawkins,	10 00	J. W. Newton,	9 00
C. D. Hazen,	6 34	S. M. Root,	10 00
A. R. Johnson,	75	R. A. Tenney,	5 00
Charles Johnson,	3 60	N. P. Wheeler,	4 80
			<u>4 80</u>
			\$99 76



## SCHOOL FUND.

Rents from lands,	\$99 76
Interest on U. S. Deposit money,	178 00
State School Tax,	430 00
	<hr/> \$707 76
Population,	1471
Grand List for 1883,	\$7428 57

*BIRTHS, WITH DATE AND NAME.**District No. 1, Village South.*

March 19, Lilla M. Akerman,                      March 4, Goldie M. Slack,  
 July 31, ———— Lewis.

*District No. 3.*

March 1, Edwin R. Smith,                      September 28, Frank L. Rix,  
 October 26, Orange C. A. C. Avery.

*District No. 6*

October 20, ———— Waterman.

*District No. 7.*

May 16, Charles Clinton Frost,                      June 11, Mabell King,  
 September 11, Cora O. Valley,                      December 12, Flora Laura Enright.

*District No. 8.*

February 22, Grace Lord.

*District No. 9.*

August 19, ———— Clough.

*District No. 10.*

January 4, La Forest John Carpenter,                      December 12, Arthur J. Ela.

*District No. 11.*

July 4, ———— Brigham,                      October 25, ———— Martin.

*District No. 12.*

May 7, ———— Clifford.

*District No. 13.*

January 29, Ellen Clooran,                      March 4, Edith Blanch Howard.

*District No. 14.*

February 23, George Justin Hines.

*District No. 17.*

February 9, Paul A. Brigham,                      March 8, Mary E. Sproat,  
 April 19, Erban E. Waterman,                      May 31, Lettie May Peck,  
 June 10, Leon E. Clough,                      July 12, Freddie M. Waterman.

*District No. 19.*

February 6, Lee Q. Sargent,

July 14, Harry Pero

*District No. 20.*

April 15, ——— Lovell,

September 9, Robert Clinton Olds,

October 2, Mary Ella Forrest.

*DEATHS, WITH DATE, NAME AND AGE.**District No. 1.*

	Years.	Months.	Days.
January 26, Sally (Hale) Barstow,	86	7	17
August 21, Sophia (Brigham) Wright,	85	10	1
June 26, Annie F. Waterman,	17	5	22
October 2, Hattie M. Turner,	18	3	0
October 10, Elsie M. Leware,	2	11	5
November 7, Amanda M. Russ,	55	4	5
July 20, Clara Worth Lewis,	34	0	9
August 16, George Henry Brooks,	8	1	16

*District No. 2.*

April 4, Wm. H. Caswell,	74	2	0
April 10, Chloe S. Caswell,	66	7	6
September 10, James S. Hovey,	57	6	18

*District No. 3.*

May 12, Calvin Sawyer,	86	5	16
May 23, Eliza A. Walbridge,	60	3	17
July 31, Samuel Kimball,	73	0	29
September 4, Thomas Howard,	72	10	19

*District No. 5.*

January 22, George W. Nownes,	64	0	0
May 12, M. Wildia (Hatch) Johnson,	41	8	21

*District No. 7.*

March 29, Daniel G. Pennock,	80	9	24
September 12, Chora Mabell Whitcher,	3	6	0

*District No. 9.*

May 7, Betsey (King) Lyman,	84	8	13
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*District No. 17.*

March, 8, Mary (Slack) Sproat,	33	0	11
April 27, Daniel Q. Currier,	64	0	28
July 11, Mary E. Sproat,	0	4	3
July 27, Phebe M. (Foster) Clough,	27	11	16
November 5, Henry S. Burton,	90	8	15

*District No. 20.*

October 12, Catherine (Brigham) Hebard,	73	2	19
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*District No. 9, Hartford.*

October 5, Susan Burton,	77	11	2
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## POPULATION OF NORWICH.

*By successive enumerations.*

1761, (date of charter.)	0
1771, (40 families),	*206
1779, (120 families),	†600
1791, (U. S. Census),	1158
1800, do	1486
1810, do	1812
1820, do	1985
1830, do	2316
1840, do	2218
1850, do	1978
1860, do	1759
1870, do	1639
1880, do	1471

\*Taken by authority of New York.

†Taken by a political committee.

## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

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In making the report of the schools, I forbear to speak personally of the merits of any teacher, or of the failure attending any particular school. In visiting them I found several things among the younger teachers which could be improved upon. Of this I spoke personally to the teacher at the time, making such suggestions as seemed beneficial, and which were, in most cases, kindly received.

The summer terms of school in Districts No. 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 15, 17 and 19 were a success, also the fall terms in Districts 1, 7, 9 and 19 and the winter terms in Districts 1, 2, 3, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 17. The school in No. 20 has been taught by myself during the year.

In several school-houses the blackboards are deficient in quantity and shockingly so in quality. Scarcity of crayon, leaky water pails and dippers and broom *handles* constitute the useful and ornamental appendages therein contained.

There has been a decided lack of interest on the part of the pupils in some of the smaller schools, and in some of the out districts they are very backward in their studies, Why? Simply because, generally, a new teacher is employed each term, and even these are young and wholly inexperienced. The fact that your children are backward, is the very reason why you need the *best* of teachers. An experience of twenty terms has taught me that the backward or dull scholar is the one who requires the earnest, faithful, patient attention of the teacher.

Into the hands and under the influence of a perfect stranger you place your delicate little ones seven hours in the day. Ask yourselves if they return to you at night better, morally, than when they left you in the morning. Parents fail in their duty to visit the schools and acquaint themselves with the condition of the school-house, the conduct and progress of their children, and the work of the teacher. Do not be so reluctant to speak an en-

couraging word to the teacher. She will repay you ten fold, in the more glad, happy, earnest work for your children than she has ever done before.

I am pleased to say the services of several really fine teachers have been secured during the past year, and it is to be hoped such remuneration may be offered them as to induce them to remain in our schools.

To the Committees I would say, do not depend too much upon the Superintendent in regard to the fitness of the teacher. The examination is *public*, therefore by attending *yourself* you can the better judge of the qualifications of the applicant. Supply the school-rooms with good blackboards, maps, crayon and a dictionary. The absence of these is a serious disadvantage to the progress of the school. It seems to me that the evils existing in our school management can be remedied in only one way, and that is, by adopting the "town system." In this way only good teachers will be employed, better school-houses and furniture will be provided and a higher state of intellectual culture will be the result.

And now teachers, most of you have tried to do your best and have given good satisfaction, but none of us have as yet attained to perfection. Be more in *earnest*. Let your whole *soul* be in your work. If you feel that your labors are not appreciated, remember that we are commanded to *sow* the good seed, and God will attend to the harvest. Insist upon *obedience*. Sow seeds of temperance, truthfulness, manliness, gentleness, kindness, and last, but not *least*, *practice* and *teach* self-control.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. H. F. VAN COR,  
*Supt. of Schools.*

Feb. 18, 1884.



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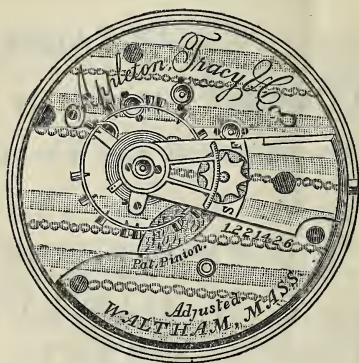


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The inhabitants of the town of Norwich, who are legal voters in town meeting, are hereby notified and warned to meet at Union Hall, in Norwich Village, on Tuesday, March 4th, 1884, at 10 o'clock A. M., to act on the following matters, viz.:

- 1st. To choose a moderator to preside in said meeting.
- 2d. To elect the necessary officers for the year ensuing.
- 3d. To vote for County Commissioner.
- 4th. To raise money to defray current expenses of the town.
- 5th. To see if the town will vote to raise a highway tax additional to that required by law.
- 6th. To see if the town will vote to accept the provisions of Act No. 90 of the laws of 1880, relating to the collection of taxes.
- 7th. To see if the town will vote to set the real estate of O. L. Pattrell in School District No. 15, to District No. 6.
- 8th. To see if the town will vote to take any measures to provide running water for the town-farm buildings.
- 9th. To elect a text-book committee, as required by law, "Sec. 609 of the Revised Laws."
- 10th. To see if the town will vote to adopt the town system in the public schools, in place of the present district system.
- 11th. To see if the town will vote L. D. Gove Post No. 56, G. A. R., a sum of money not exceeding (\$75.00) seventy-five dollars, to help defray the expense of a proper observance of Memorial Services in Norwich, May 30th, 1884.
- 12th. To do any other business proper to be done at said meeting.

A. V. TURNER,	} <i>Selectmen</i> <i>of</i> } <i>Norwich.</i>
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